GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:230
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2006
JAN KEROSENE PARIYOJANA
Gangwar Shri Santosh Kumar

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Jan Kerosene Pariyojana started to check black marketing of kerosene has achieved its objectives ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; (

(c) whether dealers have demanded to discontinue this scheme ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 230 BY SHRIMATI RUPATAI DILIPRAO NILANGAKAR PATIL AND SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2006 REGARDING JAN KEROSENE PARIYOJANA.

(a) & (b) : The Government approved an innovative pilot project for radically revamping the PDS kerosene distribution network to ensure that this heavily subsidized product is actually made available in the required quantities at subsidized prices to the intended beneficiaries, as well as to reverse and eventually eliminate the diversion of PDS Kerosene for adulteration.The pilot project under the name of Jan Kerosene Pariyojana (JKP) was launched with effect from 2nd October 2005 initially for a period of 6 months.

(c)&(d) : Yes, Sir.A representation was received from All India Kerosene Dealers Federation requesting discontinuation of the Scheme on the ground that the pilot project had not yielded any fruitful results but was creating many problems.

(e) : Government has been reviewing the JKP from time to time and is taking necessary action to further streamline the system. Based on the Diagnostic Study conducted by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and reviews taken by the Government, the pilot scheme was initially extended for 3 months up to 30th June 2006 and again up to 30th September 2006. It has now been further extended up to 30th June 2007.